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**Mandate of The Most Reverend Archbishop Con-
cerning the Course of Study in Catholic
Elementary and Grammar Schools.**



Office of the Archbishop
1100 Franklin Street
San Francisco, California

May 23, 1922.

*To the Reverend Pastors of the Archdiocese of San Francisco,
the Superiors of the Religious Communities teaching
therein, the Principals and Teachers of our Parish
Schools.*

Dearlly Beloved in Christ:

Since the time the Pastoral Office in this Archdiocese was committed to our charge, nothing has been closer to our heart than the education of our Catholic children.

For this purpose, in the year 1915, we established the office of Superintendent of Schools, and appointed the Rev. Ralph Hunt, S. T. L., to that position, with the duty of examining, systematizing, and co-ordinating the programs of instruction in our Elementary and Grammar Schools.

To assist him in this delicate undertaking he established, with our advice and approval, a Scholastic Council, composed of representatives from all the Communities engaged in the work of teaching in these schools.

For the past four years, this Council, in close conjunction with our Superintendent, has been working on a complete

Course of Study in secular subjects, and has presented the result of their labors for our approval.

In accordance with the duty laid upon us by Canon 1336 of the Codex Juris of Pius X of blessed memory: "Ordinarii loci est omnia in sua diocesi edicere quae ad populum in Christiana doctrina instituendum spectent: et etiam religiosi exempti, quoties non exemptos docent, eadem servare tenentur," we adopted and imposed as the standard text for our Archdiocese the Catechism provided for in Titulus VII, Cap. II, Number 219 of the Decrees of the Third Plenary Council of Baltimore, commonly known as the "Baltimore Catechism."

Moreover, we committed to the Scholastic Council the duty of organizing, grading, enriching and otherwise completing religious instruction on the basis of this Baltimore Catechism, to suit the age and capacities, the needs and opportunities of our children.

We have now received the report of the Scholastic Council, adopted unanimously, and approved by our Superintendent of Schools, covering the Elementary and Grammar Grades in Religion, as well as the secular subjects, and after careful examination and revision we hereby approve of the same, and, in virtue of our ordinary authority, order and command that its provisions be observed by all teachers in the schools subject to our jurisdiction, and we earnestly request the Reverend Pastors of the Archdiocese, the Superiors of the Religious Communities, and all others engaged in the work of Christian Education to co-operate in every way with our Superintendent of Schools in carrying out this program, in order that so great a work may have its full fruition in the instruction of youth and the salvation of souls, calling to their minds the weighty words of the Codex Juris, Canon 467, on the Duties of Pastors, which are applicable to all engaged in Catholic Education: "Maximam curam adhibere in Catholica puerorum institutione," their greatest care is to be set in the training of Catholic youth.

Always devotedly in Christ,

(Signed) ✠ EDWARD J. HANNA,
Archbishop of San Francisco.

REPORT OF THE SCHOLASTIC COUNCIL.

*To His Grace, the Most Reverend Edward J. Hanna, D. D.,
Archbishop of San Francisco.*

Most Reverend Archbishop:

The Scholastic Council, having completed the work of organizing the Studies of the Elementary and Grammar Schools of the Archdiocese, begs respectfully to submit the following report and recommendations:

1. Courses have been prepared in Reading, Language, Grammar and Composition, Spelling, Arithmetic, History and Geography.

2. These courses should be obligatory in the Parish Schools of the Archdiocese.

3. Lists of approved text books have been selected for the secular courses. The teachers are free within the limits of these lists. Other text books should not be substituted except by permission of the Superintendent.

4. Branches not included in the aforesaid courses, e. g., Music, Drawing, Penmanship, Elementary Science, Hygiene, Physical Education, and Needlework, should be taught with the attention due to their importance. In the judgment of the Scholastic Council the provisions already made for the treatment of these branches by the various communities will, for the present, satisfactorily meet the situation.

5. In regard to Music, however, the Council is in favor of the Catholic Education Music Course by Mrs. Justine Ward. It comes from a Catholic source, and has the endorsement of the Catholic University. It is also well adapted to our schools, and many of our teachers have been trained already in its requirements. The Council, therefore, strongly recommends its adoption by the schools wherever and whenever feasible.

6. As authorized by Your Grace, the Scholastic Council also prepared a Course of Study in Religion. This course is based upon the text of the Baltimore Catechism, which text has been imposed as obligatory by Your Grace's authority. No authoritative ruling having been made in regard to the other text books necessary for the course, the Council strongly recommends the Text Books of Religion, and Liturgy by Father Yorke, (1) because they are best adapted to the requirements of the course, the

subject-matter of which (with the exception of Church History, Grade Eight) they cover in all essential details; (2) because they have proved their worth by many years of valuable service rendered in the cause of religious instruction, not only in the Archdiocese of San Francisco, but in the Dioceses of the country at large.

The above report and recommendations were adopted unanimously at a meeting held on May 20, 1922, at the office of the Superintendent, 50 Oak street, San Francisco.

Respectfully submitted,
(Signed) SISTER MARY LIQUORI,
Secretary of Scholastic Council.

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